

# Arrest Married Man In Johnson Girl Death Mystery

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Cloudy tonight. Thurs-  
day partly cloudy. Not  
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# CLOSE BANK WHERE PONZI DREW CHECKS

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR ST. JOHNSBURY

Suggestions to Be Made that  
the Bullard Property  
Might Be Secured

Following the conference Tuesday night with the village trustees and directors of the Commercial Club on the fire situation there was a most profitable discussion as to the advisability of St. Johnsbury securing the Bullard house on Eastern avenue for a municipal building. The suggestion was made by one of the trustees that the acquisition of this property would provide for a central fire station, police headquarters and a lock-up, and offices for the town and village.

The central fire station is now on government land and will have to be moved somewhere whenever the new Federal building is erected. It was suggested at the conference that the fire station could be easily moved to the Bullard lot and still be centrally located in the village.

The residence could easily be altered for town and village offices, and the small octagonal building could be utilized for the police headquarters and lock-up with minor alterations. The Commercial Club directors were informed that the owner of this property, Mrs. Staples, would sell the buildings and land thereon for a municipal building at a reasonable price.

All present were much interested in the proposition, and inasmuch as a committee has already been appointed to report on a municipal building one of the directors of the Commercial Club was asked to see if it was possible to have this committee make their report at the special town meeting Saturday afternoon. This committee consists of S. D. Atwood, Rev. F. B. Richards and Charles G. Bralev and it is expected they will be able to make their report on Saturday afternoon.

**POLISH ARMY PREPARES  
GREAT COUNTER STROKE**  
WARSAW, Aug. 10.—A concentration and regrouping of the Polish forces for an extensive counter stroke on the entire Warsaw front is reported by today's newspaper.

**RUSSIANS NOW OCCUPY  
24 MILES OF RY. LINE**  
PARIS, Aug. 11.—The Russians are now occupying a stretch of 24 miles of the direct railway line between Warsaw and Danzig and a large force is pushing across the Danzig corridor to cut the remaining railroad according to the French foreign office today.

## SUNDAY BALL AROUSES WHOLE COMMUNITY

Ball Players File 200 Com-  
plaints for Alleged Viola-  
tion of Sabbath Law

The hearing for the 21 ball players arrested at Inter-city Park, at Montpelier, Sunday, for engaging in a game of ball was held in Barre today and much interest has been aroused throughout the state. Joseph Frattini and W. A. Lord of Montpelier defended the players and State's Attorney Earle D. Davis conducted the prosecution.

The ball players have retaliated by filing with the State's attorney nearly 200 complaints of the alleged violation of the Sunday law. The complaints include names of men who were playing golf at the Barre Golf Club, lists of stores, stables and garages which were open in both Montpelier and Barre, the street railway and the names of a large number of automobile owners pleasure riding, all of which it is claimed is contrary to law.

A list of violations of the Sabbath law in other towns in Washington county is being gathered to submit to the state's attorney. The same treatment as given the ball players will be asked of all violators of the Sunday law. Several of the stores and shops in Barre are now displaying petitions for Sunday ball, and each, as far as can be ascertained, bears a considerable number of signatures.

## To Organize Tent of Daughters of Veterans

The Lucy A. Young Tent of Daughters of Veterans will be organized on Thursday evening, Aug. 12th at 7:30 o'clock in G. A. R. Hall. All women, daughters and granddaughters, who can prove they are lineal descendants of Civil War Veterans are eligible to membership. It is a privilege to be a soldier's daughter and the opportunity is given to go on record as being proud of a father's service to his country. This is the first Tent to be instituted in Vermont and it takes its name from a former townsman and army nurse.

All daughters who appreciate this appeal for the soldier-fathers are invited to be present and to be enrolled as charter members of this patriotic organization. Miss Linna A. Ingalls of Concord, Pa. Dept. Pres. of the Daughters of Veterans of New Hampshire will be the instituting and installing officer.

## ARTHUR MUDGETT IS BROUGHT TO COUNTY JAIL

JOHNSON, Vt., Aug. 11.—Arthur Mudgett was arrested at a lumber camp in Hyde Park Monday and brought to the county jail at Hyde Park as a suspect in connection with Amy Sonio's death.

The girl's body was found under a tree near a cemetery in Johnson, last Tuesday, three days after she had disappeared from her rooming house in that village. She was soon to have become a mother. No charge has been brought against Mudgett. He is a member of one of the best known families in this vicinity, is 40 years of age and married, but has not been living with his wife.

## ARREST DANCING TEACHER IN \$118,000 THEFT CASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Robert Gardner, a dancing instructor who recently was charged with robbing a brokerage concern of bonds and other negotiable securities worth \$118,000, was arrested here today. He was trapped by a detective who is alleged to have gained his confidence by posing as Gardner's dancing academy as a prospective bond purchaser. Gardner then offered him \$55,000 worth of negotiable securities for \$20,000.

## DOVER, N. H., SHOWS DECREASE IN CENSUS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Census returns announced today included Dover, N. H., 13,029, decrease 218, or 1.6 per cent.

## CROP REPORTS OF N. E. SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Aug. 11.—The condition of the Aroostook Co. Maine potato crop is now 90 per cent of normal and forecast 23,895,000 bushels against 24,480,000 last year, according to the New England crop report issued today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The crop elsewhere in Maine and New England with the exception of Rhode Island and Northeastern Massachusetts has grown well. New England commercial apple crop is reported heavier than last year in all states except Maine. Peaches are reported a failure in New Hampshire, fair in Massachusetts, and production very small elsewhere.

Pears are light in Maine, average in Rhode Island and good in other New England states. Connecticut Valley onions forecast a yield of 92 per cent. Tobacco in the same region has grown very poorly because of cool and wet weather but the crop is reported as capable of rapid improvement.

Hay in Maine and Vermont is better than forecast earlier but still below the average. Oats in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont improved during July and are near a full crop only fair in the other states. Corn is only an average crop.

## SHERBROOKE BEATS BARTON IN CLOSE GAME

6 to 4 Contest Had a Thrill  
In Every Inning of  
Fast Game

The Barton Fair Grounds were the scene of a first class baseball contest yesterday afternoon when Sherbrooke nosed out the Barton town team by a 6 to 4 score. The game was cleanly played, with consistent, snappy play in the field, and some good work at the bat by both teams. The outcome was continually in doubt even though Sherbrooke managed to lead through most of the game, because the Barton team kept coming back with a lot of fight and kept the visitors on their toes. A large crowd viewed the contest and were very well pleased.

Previous to the contest, it was advertised that Culver, the colored pitcher from Montreal who led Barton to victory over Newport last week, would again appear on the mound for Barton. At the opening of the contest, it was announced that the player had failed to show up. But Bear, who took Culver's place, was in fine form and pitched a good game of ball. Not until the end of the game did the visitors begin to lean on his fast ones, and then not for long. Sherbrooke assumed the aggressive and kept the lead after the third inning, though for a few minutes at the end of the seventh the score was tied. Barton showed lots of fight, but while she seemed able to get men on bases, she couldn't bring them in. In the first, after one score had been made, men were left on second and third. Again in the eighth, when the score stood 5 to 4 against them, they got three men on with two out, and left them there. But when they did hit, they hit hard, for four of their ten hits were for extra bases. In the last, with their opponents' two runs in the lead, Barton's three heaviest hitters went out in one, two, three order on two easy grounders and a high fly to center field.

In the field, Bear, with his twelve strike outs and two assists was one of the stars. Dulis also fielded perfectly, gathering in five flies, of which the first one was about the prettiest catch ever seen on Barton grounds. Racing from deep center, he speared Molineaux's hard hit fly just a few inches off the ground while running at top speed and held onto it while he slid on his face. "Berney" Lee also played his customary consistent game at second, and he too made a brilliant catch of a high fly from Molineaux's bat in the seventh inning. With two other players also playing the fly he ran way back of second and made a faultless catch in a difficult position.

For Sherbrooke, Savage was the particular bright light in the field, accepting eight chances with one error, a bad throw to first. He played a fast steady game, and combined lucky hops on the ball with good judgment. Butler was strong at the bat, with three hits out of four times.

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## DAILY PAPER CHEERS BOYS AT CAMP DEVENS

Bundle of Caledonian-Re-  
cords Distributed Free—  
A Feature in Camp

(By Richard D. Howe)  
CAMP DEVENS, Mass., Aug. 10.—A heavy rain starting just as the militia companies were called out to drill at 7:30 this morning failed to dampen the spirits of the soldiers who seemed anxious to get out and learn as much as possible regarding army maneuvers. The drill schedule calls for about 7 hours each day of good stiff work, about four hours in the morning and about three hours in the afternoon. The short time in which the national guard units are in camp makes this extended schedule necessary in order to get in the prescribed amount of work.

The big event in camp today was the arrival this forenoon of Earle W. Davis, proprietor of Newport's Lakeside Restaurant, who was delegated to Company L's barracks to act as chief cook although Bruce Fitzpatrick remains mess sergeant in charge of the kitchen. Earle arrived while the boys were in the field but he was on hand at the door to receive the greetings of each and every member of the outfit. Needless to say the guardsmen were all more than glad to know that the popular restaurant man from the border city was on the job, although every member of the company will admit that the food so far has been excellent and even much better than the men expected. No man goes away from "mess" hungry. There is always plenty for all. In connection with the "mess" there is one thing that pleases the boys and that is that Captain Buzzell and Lieutenant Emerson and Stevens dine in the same room with the enlisted men.

The sick list up to date has been a rather lengthy one although few of the cases reported have been serious. Sergeant Jimmy Jones' case is probably the most serious. Jones has been ill with a severe case of grippe ever since the company left Newport. Up until Tuesday afternoon he had been in a bad condition but under the expert care of army physicians the popular "Englishman" is rapidly gaining and expects to be out on the drill field very soon. James doesn't have any likin' for hanging around quarters and would rather be

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## Bank Commissioner Closes Hanover Trust Co. Where Ponzi Accounts Were Carried

(By the Associated Press)  
BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Bank Com. Allen today took charge of the Hanover Trust Co. This is the institution in which the account of Charles Ponzi, the financier, was shown recently to have been overdrawn. Mr. Allen said that his agents have been examining the bank since last Saturday morning and their reports indicated that it had been doing business in an unsafe manner and that it would be unsafe and inexpedient to continue.

The doors of the bank were closed at 1:45 p. m., and a notice was posted saying that "By authority vested in me by law I have taken possession of the property and business of the Hanover Trust Co."

Charles Ponzi was reputed to own 1,565 shares of stock in the Hanover Trust Co., in which he also deposited large sums of money in connection with the securities exchange Co. Monday Bank Commissioner Allen ordered the Hanover Trust Co. to honor no more checks drawn by Ponzi or his agents against the account of Lucy Martelli, trustee, in which name the Ponzi funds had been deposited. Mr. Allen said his action was due to the discovery that the account had been overdrawn.

William S. McNary, vice president of the Trust Co. admitted that the accounts had been slightly overdrawn but said that the bank was fully protected. Mr. Ponzi explained that in addition to the cash account the Hanover Trust Co. held his certificate for deposits of \$1,500,000. Mr. Allen stated that the certificate of deposit could not be drawn upon to the over Ponzi's accounts.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—An associate of Charles Ponzi from the home of the latter at Lexington today telephoned the Associated Press, that Ponzi admitted that he was Charles Ponzi, formerly of Montreal. He added that the spectacular financier was in conference with his lawyers and would issue a statement later. Reports from Montreal circulated here were to the effect that Ponzi under the name of Ponzi, had operated a financial plan offering large returns in Montreal 13 years ago. Attention was called also to the records of a penitentiary in that city which was said to show that a man known as Charles Ponzi has served a brief term there.

## FIRE PROTECTION ADEQUATE SAYS COMMISSIONER

A conference was held in the rooms of the St. Johnsbury village trustees Tuesday evening between the trustees and the directors of the Commercial Club relative to the present situation at the central fire station. The directors were received most courteously by the trustees and the situation was discussed very frankly by both sides. It became clear that probably within 48 hours, or assuredly before the end of the week, the municipal fire force would be fully and efficiently manned. The trustees also announced that Deputy Fire Commissioner Preble of Montpelier had visited St. Johnsbury Tuesday and after a thorough investigation of the situation had wired the Boston Underwriters' Association that the village of St. Johnsbury was properly covered with no extra hazard.

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